

Washington - Congresswoman Linda Sánchez, Chairwoman of the House Judiciary Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law (CAL), announced this morning that her subcommittee will seek to issue subpoenas to two additional former U.S. Attorneys who were fired by the Bush Administration.

The CAL Subcommittee will meet on Tuesday, March 6 at 10:00 am in 2141 Rayburn House Office Building, to vote on issuing subpoenas to former U.S. Attorneys Daniel Bogden of Nevada and Paul K. Charlton of Arizona. The subpoenas would require them to testify before the subcommittee at its hearing scheduled for the same afternoon, joining four other former U.S. Attorneys who CAL subpoenaed last week.

“We intend to issue these subpoenas because Mr. Bogden and Mr. Charlton can shed additional light on the Bush Administration’s apparent decision to pursue a political agenda through the selection of federal prosecutors,” said Chairwoman Sánchez. “Even months after the firings, we still haven’t gotten straight answers from the Department of Justice, which changed its own story this weekend and admitted the firings weren’t based on job performance.”

“We have received additional information that leads us to believe Mr. Bogden and Mr. Charlton are valuable additions to this panel of former U.S. Attorneys, and I look forward to hearing their testimony,” said Justice Committee Chairman John Conyers.

The hearing, which is scheduled for Tuesday, March 6 at 2:00 pm, will consider a bill by Congressman Howard Berman that would reverse a new provision in the USA PATRIOT Act allowing the Attorney General to indefinitely appoint federal prosecutors through the end of the Bush Administration without Senate confirmation.